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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following references have been filed in the International Phase of the above-identified application. Attached please find a copy of the International Search Report.

- FR 2 707 721 discloses a gear lever for motor vehicle equipped with at least one electrical device. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 1 - 5 and 7 - 11 and further cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claim 6. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- FR 2 817 201 discloses a gear lever knob for motor vehicle has actuator plate on top face with electrical switch operated by tilting plate. The reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claim 6 and further cited under Category A as being relevant to International claim 1. No full translation is available at this time, however,

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The following references have been cited in the corresponding German Application.

- DE 100 25 357 discloses a gearshift lever system of modular construction for private motor vehicle comprises lever body upon which are mounted several customer-specific switch modules with one or more operating element for switching functions. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.
- DE 297 15 582. No English translation is available at this time.
- U.S. Patent 5,345,836 discloses a shift lever device for automatic transmission.

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copy of International Search Report
copies of (4) References
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